# Things I've Learned Since Graduation

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# About Me

## Appalachian State University

Computer Science
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## IBM Extreme Blue

www.ibm.com/extremeblue
Summer 2011
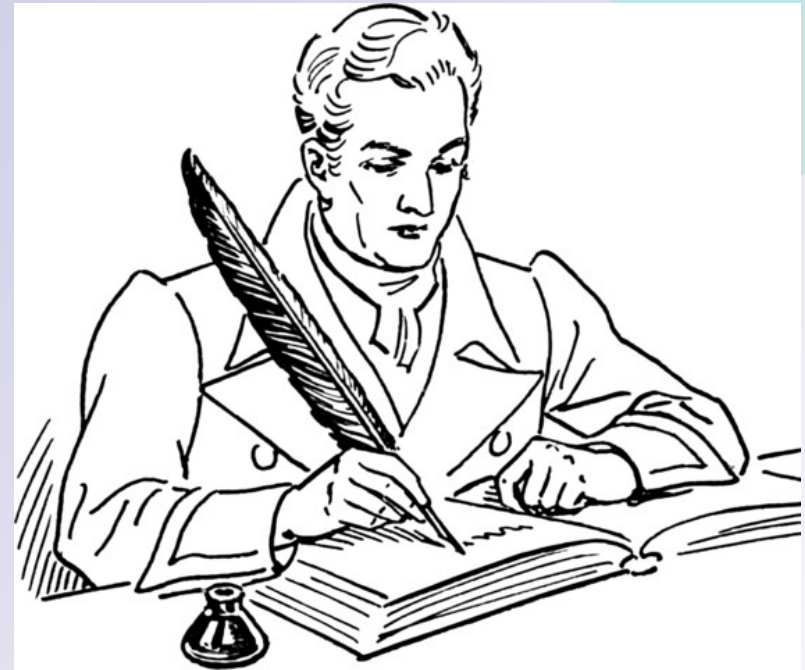
# Communication Is Key

# Verbal Communication

- Presentations/Pitches
- Teamwork
- Customer Service
- Self-Promotion

# Written Communication

- Documentation
- Email/IM
- Comments
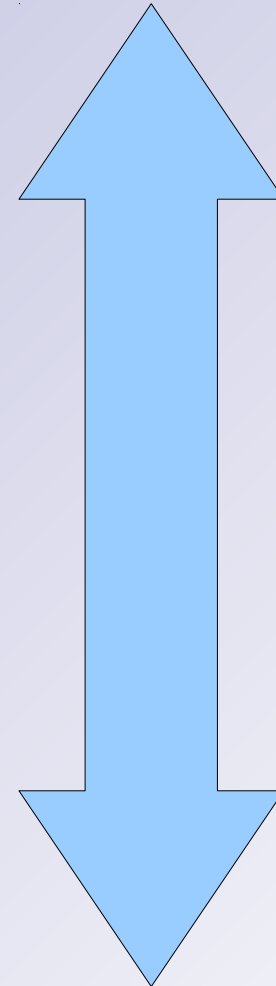- Reports

# Learning Never Ends

# Tech I've Used at Work

- Languages: JavaScript, Java, Groovy, PHP, HTML, CSS, Bash, XML, MatLab...

- Tech: NodeJS, Dojo, Jquery, MongoDB, DB2, Ant, Linux, VMWare, Jenkins, RTC...

Technology Constantly Changes

# Depth of Knowledge

- Expertise is valuable
- Expertise is *cool*
- *Learning is fun!*

# Breadth of Knowledge

- Flexibility is useful
- Flexibility is security
- Learning is fun!

# Networking

- Appalachian Career Development Center
  https://careers.appstate.edu/

- LinkedIn

- Meetups

- Side Projects

# Work Life Balance

- All work and no play etc. etc.

- Crunch time is inevitable

- Avoid burn out

Work          Life

Thank you!